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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

JAMES DARVIN HINES

Plaintiff,

v.

LELAND DUDEK,
Acting Commissioner of Social Security,¹

Defendant.

Case No.: 3:24-cv-00388-CSD

**ORDER GRANTING
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME
(FIRST REQUEST)**

Defendant, Leland Dudek, Acting Commissioner of Social Security (Defendant), respectfully requests that the Court extend the time for Defendant to respond to Plaintiff's Brief (Dkt. No. 14, filed on February 19, 2025), currently due on March 21, 2025, by 31 days, through and including April 21, 2025. Defendant further requests that the deadline for Plaintiff's optional reply brief be extended to May 5, 2025.

¹ Leland Dudek became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on February 16, 2025. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Leland Dudek should be substituted for Michelle King as the defendant in this suit. No further action need be taken to continue this suit by reason of the last sentence of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

1 This is Defendant's first request for an extension of time to file a response. Good cause exists
2 for this extension. Counsel is currently in the process of determining whether a settlement agreement
3 is possible in this case. Additional time is required for Defendant's undersigned counsel and
4 specialized attorneys within the undersigned's office to consider this option. If the case cannot be
5 settled, then Defendant's counsel will proceed with filing Defendant's response to Plaintiff's Brief by
6 the new due date of April 21, 2025. Counsel for Defendant advised counsel for Plaintiff of the need
7 for this extension on March 18, 2025. Counsel for Plaintiff confirmed that Plaintiff does not object to
8 this request.

9 It is therefore requested that Defendant be granted an extension of time to respond to Plaintiff's
10 Brief, through and including April 21, 2025. This request is made in good faith and with no intention
11 to unduly delay the proceedings.

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13 Dated: March 19, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

14 JASON M. FRIERSON
15 United States Attorney

16 /s/ David Priddy
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18 Special Assistant United States Attorney

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED:

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22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

23 DATED: March 19, 2025
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